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SANTIAGO PLEASE PASS AMB HILL

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: BBAK, EIND, AR
SUBJ: DELTEC INVESTMENTS IN ARGENTINA

REF: STATE 216294

1. PURSUANT TO INSTRUCTIONS IN REFTEL AND IN THE ABSENCE OF THE AMBASSADOR, I CALLED ON FONMIN VIGNES ON OCTOBER 14 AND MADE PRESENTATION AS SUGGESTED IN REFTEL. AFTER LISTENING ATTENTIVELY, VIGNES RESPONDED THAT DELTEC CASE IS ONE OF HIGHEST SENSITIVITY NOT ONLY IN BUENOS AIRES BUT THROUGHOUT THE REPUBLIC BECAUSE IT TOUCHES ON ARGENTINA'S NUMBER ONE COMMODITY, MEAT. THE WORD "DELTEC" IS KNOWN TO EVERY ARGENTINE, AND JUSTLY OR NOT, IT CONJURES UP IMAGES OF EXPLOITATION AND ABUSE BY FOREIGNERS. FOR ANYBODY TO TOUCH THE CASE IS LIKE TOUCHING A RED HOT IRON. VIGNES WOULD NOT WANT IT TO SPOIL THE EXCELLENT RELATIONS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND ARGENTINA, RELATIONS THAT HAVE BEEN ENHANCED BY HIS FRIENDSHIP WITH SECRETARY KISSINGER AND PRESIDENT FORD.

2. VIGNES SAID HE SAW NO REASONS WHY DELTEC'S LOCAL REPRESENTATIVES COULD NOT ENGAGE IN DIALOGUE WITH MINISTRY OF JUSTICE IF THEY WERE GIVEN FULL POWERS TO DO SO BY DELTEC'S PRINCIPALS. HE SAID HE DID NOT KNOW WHAT JUDICIAL STEPS WOULD BE NEEDED TO SUSPEND THE ARREST
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ORDERS ISSUED BY THE COURTS OR WHETHER SUCH A SUSPEN-

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SION WAS EVEN FEASIBLE. NOTWITHSTANDING HIS EVIDENT
LACK OF ENTHUSIASM IN GETTING INVOLVED IN THE DELTEC
CASE, VIGNES PROMISED TO TALK TO MINISTER OF JUSTICE
BENITEZ ABOUT THE INTEREST OF DELTEC OFFICERS TO ENGAGE
IN DIALOGUE WITH JUSTICE MINISTRY IF THREAT OF ARREST COULD
BE REMOVED.
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